Prior Application:

Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: D. Reip

SIR: This is a request for filing a

■ Continuation □ Continuation-in-Part □ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/022,293 filed February 11, 1998 of Gary K. Michelson for Anterior Cervical Plating System, Instrumentation, And Method Of Installation

- Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/022,293 as originally filed on <u>February 11, 1998</u>.
- 2. □ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
- 3. Cancel Claims <u>102-537</u>.
- 4.

 A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 5. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	.\$	710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims			
Total Claims	101	-	20	81	x \$18		1,458.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$80	` 0	
[] Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$270							0
Subtotal					\$	2,168.00	
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity					-	0	
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE					\$	2,168.00	







- 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.
- 8. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

This is a ■ continuation [divisional of application Serial No. 09/022,293
filed February 11, 1998, ar	nd claims the benefit of U.S. provisional
application no. 60/037,139	$\overline{\eta}$ filed February 11, 1997, incorporated herein by
reference	L now U.S. Pat. No. 6,193,721,

□ is on file in the prior application.

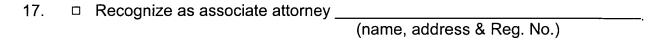
9.	New formal drawings are enclosed.
10.	The prior application is assigned of record to:
11.	Priority of application Serial No, filed on in (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
	□ is enclosed or □ is on file in the prior application.
12.	A verified statement claiming small entity status

- 13. The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP; Thomas H. Martin, Reg. No. 34,383; Amedeo F. Ferraro, Reg. No. 37,129; and Todd M. Martin, Reg. No. 42,844.
- 14. The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
- A copy of the Revocation of Original Power of Attorney and Grant of New 15. Power of Attorney as on file in the prior application is enclosed.
- 16. ■ Please address all correspondence to: Customer No. 22882 MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP 14500 Avion Parkway, Suite 300 Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1101

□ is enclosed or

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18. Also enclosed is <u>Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R.</u> § 1.97(b) with Form PTO-1449 and 5 documents

<u>PETITION FOR EXTENSION</u>. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 09/022,293, filed February 11, 1998, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No.50-1066. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP

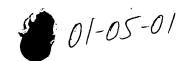
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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that

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- \boxtimes Check in amount of \$ 2,168.00 (representing \$710.00 basic filing fee and \$1,458.00 additional claims fee)
- \boxtimes Copy of prior application as filed including Declaration and drawings
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are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service with sufficient postage under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to:

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